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Hon. Richard Durbin Chairman Senate Judiciary Committee 711 Hart Senate Office Building Washington, DC 20510

Hon. Lindsey Graham Ranking Member Senate Judiciary Committee 211 Russell Senate Office Building Washington, DC 20510

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Dear Chairman Durbin and Ranking Member Graham:

I write today to express my support for the confirmation of Ms. Sarah Davenport as United States District Judge for the District of New Mexico. In my prior capacity as United States Attorney for the District of New Mexico, I had ultimate supervisory authority over Ms. Davenport's work as an Assistant United States Attorney, and I often interacted with her directly during my frequent visits to the Las Cruces Branch Office. Through those interactions, I came to know Ms. Davenport as an extremely capable attorney, and a person of integrity who is committed to the rule of the law and the impartial administration of justice. If fortunate enough to be confirmed as a federal judge, I have every confidence she would serve the people of New Mexico with distinction.

For many years the Las Cruces Branch Office of the United States Attorney's Office has prosecuted some of the most significant and complex cases in the district. Ms. Davenport has, for many years, been a major driver of that track record of success. From working with law enforcement to combat cartel activity at the southern border, to prosecuting a medical professional for reckless prescription of opioids, Ms. Davenport has consistently been among the "go-to" prosecutors in the District, sought after by agents and colleagues alike for her legal acumen, her sound judgment, and her unrelenting pursuit of justice and the safety of the community.

And while performing this public service, Ms. Davenport has embodied the highest traditions and core values of the Department of Justice. To paraphrase Former Attorney General Robert Jackson, Ms. Davenport is a prosecutor who tempers zeal with human kindness, who seeks truth and not victims, who serves the law and not factional purposes, and who approaches her task with humility. I fully expect she would continue to hold these values dear if confirmed to the federal bench.

In summary, I commend Ms. Davenport for confirmation as a District Judge without reservation. If so confirmed, I am confident she would capably administer equal and impartial

justice to all who come before her, in accordance with the rule of law, and without respect to any political or other considerations.

Please accept my deepest appreciation for the Committee's consideration of her nomination.

Respectfully,

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